

Status of Claims

Claims 1-10 are rejected.

Claims 1-5, 7, 8 and 10 are pending and currently amended herein.

Claims 6 and 9 are withdrawn.

Please note the Claims as presently amended and listed on pages 3 through 5 herein.

AMENDMENT A

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A method to delegate access and authorization control by a grantor to a grantee within [[an Information Technology System]] a computer network, the method comprising:

- a) a creation of an electronic proxy document, or proxy, the proxy a grantor credential, the grantor credential identifying the grantor to a resource repository, identifying the grantee, and specifying indicating to the resource repository the scope of grant access to at least one resource of the resource repository permitted to the grantor;
- b) an issuance of submittal by the grantee of a request for a grantee credential, the grantee credential comprising the grantor credential and identifying to the resource repository the grantor, a grantee, and a grantee scope of access to [[a]] the resource repository, where the request for grantee scope of access is limited to no more than the scope of access indicated by grantor credential [[authorized by the proxy]]; and
- c) transmission of the grantee credential to the grantee via the computer network, whereby the grantee credential enables the grantee to request a validation by the resource repository of [[the]] a request for access to the at least one resource issued by the grantee, the request limited to access as authorized within the grantee credential by the grantor proxy; and without further mediation by the grantor
- d) permitting access as requested by the request for access.

2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~method grantee credential~~ further comprises an electronic signature of [[the proxy by]] the grantor.
3. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the [[method further comprises]] ~~grantee credential is comprised within an XML document[[s]].~~
4. (currently amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the [[method further comprises]] the electronic signature comprises public key cryptography.
5. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the method further comprises ~~transmitting the grantee credential to the resource repository in at least one electronic data interchange message[[s]].~~
6. (withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein the method further comprises formatted digital messages.
7. (currently amended) [[A]] ~~The method [[according to]] of~~ claim 1, wherein the method further comprises a validation of the [[proxy authorization of the request for access]] ~~grantee credential by the resource repository~~ by means of a cryptographic authentication technique.
8. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the method further comprises a provision of the [[proxy]] ~~grantee credential~~ to the resource repository ~~by means of the computer network.~~

9. (withdrawn) The method of claim 8, wherein the method further comprises the provision of the proxy to the resource repository via a proxy registry.

10. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the method further comprises a revocation of ~~a previously issued scope of grant by the proxy~~ ~~the grantee credential by the grantor~~.